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LIBERTY LINK

A Newsletter for Liberty Lake Citizens

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Spring is in the air, the birds are chirping and the grass is growing! We have cleaned up our parks and pathways in time for summer usage. Please join me during the week of May 10-16 for bike to work week. Whether you take a walk, bike or rollerblade, getting into the habit of taking alternate modes of transportation will be great exercise with no emissions!

Being involved in your community is a chance for each of us to make a difference. Local community service groups welcome new members such as Rotary, Kiwanis & SCOPE. Get to know your neighbors and have a barbeque, exchange phone numbers and create a neighborhood block watch. Only you know what is out of place in your neighborhood. It's up to all of us to create a safe community. Here are some helpful tips...

- With the warmer weather kids will be in the streets, slow down and please drive safely.
- Make sure to check your outside lights and make sure they are on from dusk to dawn.
- Close your garage doors, it takes a moment for a theft to occur.
- Peddlers need a license in our city, ask them for it.

Enjoy the warmer weather and all of the upcoming events in this community. Be a volunteer, the rewards are ten fold.

Mayor Wendy Van Orman

OPEN COUNCIL SEAT

By Jessica Platt

Administrative Services Manager

The Liberty Lake City Council is now accepting applications from individuals interested in serving out the remaining term for City Council Position 6, which extends until December 31, 2009.

Washington State law requires that a council member be a resident of Liberty Lake for at least a year and a registered voter at the time of application. Applications must be filled out completely and delivered to City Hall no later than 4:00pm, Friday, May 8.

Complete information on how to apply for the position, as well as an application form can be found on our website: www.libertylakewa.gov or at City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive.

Questions may be directed to Doug Smith, Community Development Director at 755-6706.

OPENING CEREMONY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING Friday May 15th.

The ceremony will include the flag raising, building dedication, rock unveiling, blessing on the facility by our chaplains, etc. and will begin at 1:00pm. An open house will follow from 1:00pm to 7:00pm.

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PARKS PLAN UPDATE

By Troy Mullenix

Recreation Coordinator

Over the past few months, we have been busy preparing an update to the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan with the anticipation of a public review process starting in May. This plan outlines a vision for future Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails. Originally adopted on July 18, 2006, the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails plan has not required updating until now due to the annexation of land in the River District. In addition, the plan was updated to show existing open space, trails, and additional facilities completed since the adoption of the original plan. City-owned facilities have been outlined, other privately owned facilities and those facilities within the Liberty Lake Community have been noted to give a complete inventory.

During the initial formation of the plan, three community workshops were held, as well as public surveys. A public survey was also done in 2008 to help update the existing plan and more accurately show the current needs and wants of the community.

An introduction to the draft updated plan will be presented at the Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday May 13th at 4:00pm and a public workshop will be held at the Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday June 10th with a Public Hearing to follow prior to sending the draft updated plan to City Council. For more information contact Recreation Services at 755-6726.

ANNUAL COMP PLAN & DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT REVIEW

By Amanda Tainio

Planning & Building Services Manager

Planning is an ongoing process, and improved data or changing circumstances may require an amendment to the City Comprehensive Plan or Development Code. Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan or Development Code can be requested by the City Council, Planning Commission, City Staff, or by any affected citizen on a yearly basis.

Applications for the Annual City Comprehensive Plan & Development Code Amendment Review are due no later than July 1, 2009. Prior to submitting an application for a proposed amendment, a Pre-Application Conference must be requested and conducted. Legislative amendments are policy decisions made by City Council after receiving a recommendation from the Planning Commission. They are reviewed using the procedures outlined in the City Development Code and the amendment process must also follow the City's adopted GMA Public Participation Program Handbook.

The City may amend development regulations when it finds that any of the following criteria applies:

- Such amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and is not detrimental to the public welfare.

- Change in economic, technological, or land use conditions has occurred to warrant modification.
- It is found that an amendment is necessary to correct an error.
- It is found that an amendment is necessary to clarify meaning or intent.
- It is found that an amendment is necessary to provide for a use(s) that was/were not previously addressed.
- Those amendments as deemed necessary by the City Council as being in the public interest.

The City Planning Commission will begin reviewing 2009 proposed amendments at their July meeting. For more info, contact Planning & Building Services at 755-6708 or visit the City website at www.libertylakewa.gov.

FARMERS MARKET

By Angela Pizelo

Greenstone Homes

The Liberty Lake Farmers' Market is opening for its 9th season on May 16th. Forty vendors are getting ready and some of those vendors are new and will be bringing eggs, beef, pork, organic fruit, and plants. Hydroponic lettuce grown year-round right down the street in Otis Orchards will also be available at the Market. The kids won't want to miss the activities and story time at the Market on the first Saturday of each month. See you at the Market!

MAY STORY TIMES

By Amy Dickeson

Children's Librarian

Fridays and Saturdays

10:30am

& Friday afternoons at 1:00pm

Stories and Crafts

3 years and up

May 1, 2 Babies
May 8, 9 Mothers Day
May 15, 16 Jan Brett Stories
May 22, 23 Rabbits
May 29, 30 Farms

Mondays
10:15 and 11:00am
Baby Laptime
Books, Rhymes, and Music
Ages 9 months — 24 months



Tuesdays
10:30am
Toddler/Preschool
Story Time
Stories, music, and
dramatic play
18+ months

MEET YOUR STAFF

Hello, my name is Georgette Rogers, Circulation Supervisor for the Library. I am proud to be a 5 year employee of the City handling all new cards, fines, fees, overdues damages, lost items, and more. I have a Library Technician Degree from Spokane Falls Community College and am a Certified Library Practitioner from the Western Council of Libraries. I have loved books all my life and very much enjoy what I do.

I am also the Chair of the Washington Association of Library Employees (WALE), which is a group that puts on a conference every year for the education and networking of the support staff of libraries and I work closely with the Washington Library Assoc. I am married to Jim, with no children, but a new puppy named Speckles.



OPEN HOUSE A SUCCESS

By Pamela Mogen

Library Director

Liberty Lake's Municipal Library celebrated the official opening of its new facility with an Open House for the community on Saturday, April 4th. Over 150 patrons and special guests were treated to guided tours conducted by the staff as well as refreshments in a festive atmosphere of balloons and fresh flowers. Mayor Wendy Van Orman began the day with a speech of welcome and congratulations to all those involved in making the new library a reality. After cutting the red ribbon, the Mayor and I held the doors wide open to welcome in the crowd of patrons, well-wishers from other libraries, and city residents who had not yet seen the Library. Architectural firm Bernardo Wills supplied display boards depicting before and after photographs of the library interior as well as a proposed second phase plan to signify and enhance the library's entrance.

These photos and plans remain on display. Special thanks to Mayor Van Orman, the City Council, the Library Board, Library Friends group, Bernardo Wills, and Kiwanis Club of Liberty Lake for their many contributions to the success of this valuable community resource.



Library Open House on April 4th

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

AFTER SCHOOL BOOK CLUB (K-3RD GRADE)

THURSDAY MAY 28TH

4:00—5:00PM

Not sure what to read next? Want something fun to do after school?
Come to the Library for activities, snacks and book discussions.



FAMILY GAME NIGHT!

Thursday May 7th

5:30-7:30pm



Come see the new Library!

23123 E. Mission Ave Liberty Lake, WA 99019

Phone: (509) 232-2510

Fax: (509) 232-2512

Q & A

HOW TO SUBMIT A QUESTION?

One of my goals as Mayor of Liberty Lake is to be as open as I can and give answers to some questions you may have. Hence, this special Question and Answer section in our newsletter gives you the chance to get those questions answered directly by me. Please send questions you may have to: wvanorman@libertylakewa.gov. I will try to answer most of your questions in upcoming newsletters. Until then, I look forward to meeting you.

MAYOR VAN ORMAN



To read more Questions & Answers visit our Q & A Web Page:
www.libertylakewa.gov/questions

The City of Liberty Lake is promoting the “Reusable Bag Campaign” as well as “Buy Local Campaign”. Over the course of this year, you will receive a reusable canvas bag to utilize at the local grocery store as well as brochures/promotional items from local businesses telling you about their services.



Q: “Why utilize a reusable bag and why should we buy local?”

A#1: “Many of the grocery stores will be soon asking, “Your bag or ours?” Reusing canvas bags for groceries, shopping, etc will take the millions of plastic bags that end up in landfills across the nation or, in our case, the incinerator plant from causing health concerns over time. Look for your free bag coming to your door soon.”

A#2: “It’s about re-circulating money in the community and it’s about jobs. More money flows through your community when you buy from businesses if those businesses, in turn, purchase from other local firms and service providers. Purchasing locally preserves jobs and maintains our community’s tax base. Keeping our tax base provides your public safety, streets, and maintenance of your parks. Before buying over the internet, ask yourself are you really getting a bargain?”

Q: “We heard about the new skate park being constructed. How soon will we see a grand opening! ”

A: “The skate park grand opening is set for July 4th. Bring your skate boards and BMX bikes for fun in the sun at Pavillion Park!”

Q: “When is the next community blood drive and how can I donate? ”

**This spring give the most important gift one person can give to another
“The gift of Life!”**

Please bring photo identification and drink plenty of fluids before your donation.

It is recommended you eat a nutritious meal 2 to 4 hours before your arrival.

For more information, please call INBC at 1-800-423-0151 or visit www.inbc2.org.

When was the last time you saved a life?

**Liberty Lake Community Blood Drive will be held on
Saturday – May 16th
9:00am to 11:00am
Greenstone Parking Lot**



**Inland Northwest
Blood Center**

It's About Life!

RECREATION PROGRAMS

ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

By Troy Mullenix
Recreation Coordinator

SIGN-UP & PAY ONLINE FOR RECREATION PROGRAMS!

It's been a long time coming, but now it's here. The City of Liberty Lake recently launched an all new online payment system. This new system allows anyone with access to the Internet to sign-up for recreation programs and make a reservation at any City Facility. In addition, users now have the ability to make payment online with a credit card. This will be a great system for our citizens to be able to pay by credit card for the first time, as City Hall does not have the ability to run credit cards.

For those who don't have access to the Internet, a new kiosk has been set up in the main lobby of City Hall, which is available for free during normal business hours. There is also free Internet access at the Liberty Lake Municipal Library.

Access the new system at:
<http://www.libertylakewa.gov>

Click on Recreation on the top of our main page.

We accept Visa, MasterCard, and Discover Card.

For more information, call Recreation Services at 755-6726 or stop by City Hall and staff will be more than happy to walk you through our new system.

New Summer Recreation Programs!

Call for more information or to sign up: (509) 755-6726
<http://www.libertylakewa.gov/recreation>



Baseball Games

Enjoy a night at the ballpark watching the Spokane Indians Baseball Team
Game #1—Opening Night (Sat June 20th)
Fireworks following the game!
Game #2—Dollar Night (Fri July 17th)
\$1 hotdogs, popcorn, and pop all night!
Only \$5 per ticket!



CHILL Summer Day Camp

Children Ages 5 to 12
Daily 9:00am—4:30pm @ Pavillion Park
Full-Summer, weekly, & daily rates
Discounted registration thru May 22nd!

<http://www.libertylakewa.gov/chill>



River Rafting Trips

Spokane River Guided Trips
Clark Fork River, MT Guided Trips
River Rafting Guide Lessons

Many trips offered all summer long!
Visit our website for dates and cost.



Seminars by STCU

Becoming Debt Free (Thurs May 21st)
Learn tools to help you eliminate debt.
Restoring Credit Score (Thurs Sept 24th)
Learn the truth behind credit scores.
Both Free sessions include Free dinner!
RSVP online or by calling 755-6700



Summer Soccer Camps

July 20—24th at Pavillion Park
Morning Camps \$80 to \$85
Half Day Camps \$105
Full Day Camps \$160

Sign up online & get a FREE jersey!

GET INVOLVED WITH THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE

Tuesday, May 5th

- City Council Meeting
7pm, City Hall

Wednesday, May 6th

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall
- SCOPE Meeting, 6:30pm, City Hall

Thursday, May 7th

- Rotary Club Meeting
12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

Sunday, May 10th

- Mothers Day

Monday, May 11th

- Central Valley School Board Meeting
6:30pm, 19307 E. Cataldo Ave.



Wednesday, May 13th

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—2pm, City Hall
- Planning Commission Meeting
4pm, City Hall

Thursday, May 14th

- Rotary Club Meeting
12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

Friday, May 15th

- Public Safety Opening Ceremony
1pm, 23127 E. Mission Ave

Saturday, May 16th

- Farmers Market Opening Day!

Tuesday, May 19th

- City Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

Wednesday, May 20th

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall
- Sewer / Water Board Meeting, 7pm,
Denny Ashlock Building

Wednesday, May 20th (cont)

- Meadowood Homeowner's
Association Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

Thursday, May 21st

- Rotary Club Meeting
12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

Monday, May 25th

- Memorial Day
- City Hall Closed



Tuesday, May 26th

- Central Valley School Board Meeting
6:30pm, 19307 E. Cataldo Ave.

Wednesday, May 27th

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall

Thursday, May 28th

- Rotary Club Meeting
12pm, Denny Ashlock Building



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